

**Glasgow City Council****Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen
Engagement City Policy Committee****Report by Director of Legal and Administration****Contact: Anne Marie Carr Ext: 74737****PETITION – “ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIODIVERSITY RISK ASSESSMENT
FOR USE OF PUBLIC LAND”****Purpose of Report:**

To consider the petition entitled “Environmental and biodiversity risk assessment for use of public land”.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to consider the petition entitled “Environmental and biodiversity risk assessment for use of public land” as set out in Appendix 1 of this report in accordance with the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Council established a Public Petitions and General Purposes Policy Development Committee on 17th May 2012, with the terms of reference including:-‘To consider petitions addressed to Glasgow City Council in accordance with the Council’s approved petitions procedure and determine the appropriate action to be taken within the terms of the procedure’.
- 1.2 The public petitions process and guidance was subsequently approved by the Executive Committee on 15th November 2012. Petitioning public bodies is one of a number of mechanisms through which members of the public and local businesses/organisations can have a direct influence and role in the policy development process by raising matters of concern.
- 1.3 On 14th September 2017 the Council approved revised decision-making arrangements, including the Terms of Reference for the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee which the committee noted on 28th September 2017. Consideration of public petitions is now within the remit of this committee.

2. Considerations

- 2.1 The Council received a petition entitled “Environmental and diversity risk assessment for use of public land” for consideration on 31st October 2021 on behalf of individuals with 93 signatures, 25 of which have been validated in accordance with the criteria approved by the Executive Committee regarding the submission of petitions. The Principal Petitioner’s statement petition is set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 The petition has been referred to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for comment and he has been requested to attend the committee. Comments from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability are detailed in Appendix 2 of this report. The Principal Petitioner is Chrissy Sanachan and she has indicated that she wishes to make a statement to the committee.
- 2.3 Following consideration of a petition, the committee will decide on the appropriate action to be taken within the approved guidance for dealing with public petitions as follows:-
 - (a) agree the issue(s) raised deserves further action and agree to refer the petition to another council committee, officer or other organisation or
 - (b) agree the issue(s) raised does not merit further action.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
<i>Legal:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
<i>Personnel:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
<i>Procurement:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition

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Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22</i>	No; not required as this is not a new strategy, policy or service
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<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	Not applicable
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<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.</i>	Not applicable
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Climate Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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<i>What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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<i>Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?</i>	No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition
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Privacy and Data Protection Impacts: No direct impact regarding consideration of the petition

4 Recommendations

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